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Division of Neighborhood Services

GOOD NEIGHBOR TIPS

*Building Strong Neighborhoods
... Together!*



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What is the GOOD NEIGHBOR CAMPAIGN?

Building Strong Neighborhoods is our mission and real efforts to improve the quality of life in Norfolk can be seen everywhere--from Downtown to Ocean View, from Middle Town Arch to Ballentine Place, from Industrial Park to Harbor Park and along the Elizabeth River waterfront.

Therefore, we are pleased to announce the **Good Neighbor Campaign**.

We all know what it takes to build strong, safe, sustainable communities. As full partners with Neighborhood and Leisure Services, by sharing your time, talent and resources, you are making Norfolk neighborhoods some of the most successful in the region, a place truly worthy to be called home.



We also know that it takes bold vision and new ideas to continue this work. The City of Norfolk firmly believes in promoting the vitality of Norfolk's more than 140 neighborhoods, and has stepped-up to close the gap between current perception and the reality that Norfolk is a truly great city in which to live, work, raise a family and feel safe.

Use this brochure to involve your family, neighbors and friends in the process of improving Norfolk's quality of life. We believe that citizens want the information and resources that will empower them to make a difference in their neighborhoods. That is why we have provided tips, suggestions and reminders of what it takes to be a Good Neighbor.

Working together, whether through **Neighborhood Services, Recreation Services, Neighborhood Preservation, Parks and Urban Forestry**, or with **Youth Development**, we already see a change signaling and encouraging a new climate for residents of Norfolk to build a stable and healthy community.

We invite you to celebrate the triumphs that come when communities organize and work together to meet the enormous challenges they must face to survive.

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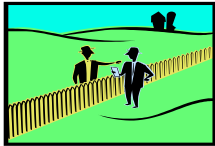


Norfolk's Neighborhoods Raising to a New Standard

Are you a Good Neighbor? How to be a Good Neighbor - Suggestions and Tips

Picture yourself in a “good neighborhood.” What does it look like? What does it feel like? Does it look like your neighborhood?

It is at times of crisis and at times of joy when we most value our neighbors. Build that good relationship— everyday. Most community organizations are successful when neighbors work together for the common good. The first part is easy. Simply introduce yourself and meet your neighbors *before* problems occur. Make sure your neighbors know who you are and have your phone number so they may contact you in case of an incident or emergency.



Start a life long friendship! Get to know your neighbor.

Be a Good Neighbor yourself, help foster good neighborliness in others. Go beyond the “Golden Rule.” Treat others better than you would treat yourself.

Be considerate of the time, close your doors and windows, and keep music at reasonable levels as a safeguard from disturbing your neighbors.

This brochure is merely a list for suggestions on how to establish and maintain good neighbor relationships. Ask yourself... “Do my neighbors consider me to be a Good Neighbor?”

HELPFUL HOUSEHOLD TIPS

- Obtain building permits prior to starting renovations
- Change your smoke detector battery regularly
- Have an emergency plan for your family in case of fire or major disaster
- Purchase and store a fire extinguisher easily accessible to all family members
- Prohibit your dog from barking at night
- Clean up after your pets. They will appreciate it and so will your neighbors

DO YOU KNOW THE LAW?

There are many laws governing property maintenance and zoning regulations throughout the



Know the property maintenance laws!

City of Norfolk. Codes and zoning inspectors can be an excellent municipal resource for information regarding codes and zoning regulations.

- Park your operable vehicle on the driveway and not on the grass
- Store excess trash and debris in approved containers

- Park only operable vehicles on your property
- Retrieve trash cans by midnight on your collection date
- Dogs must be on a leash unless being walked in a designated “dog park”
- Register for Codes classes sponsored by the *Norfolk Neighborhood University!*

SEASONAL SUGGESTIONS



Keep your grass lower than 12 inches!

Some property maintenance is best if conducted seasonally. If completed on a regular basis it can add to the longevity and property value of the home!

- Cut your grass once a week
- Clean gutters regularly
- Empty excess water collecting in pots, buckets and containers that can attract and breed mosquitoes
- Paint in warm temperatures
- Insulate water pipes in the winter
- Plant perennials for the upcoming year
- Open the vents under your house in the summer and close them in the winter



Use a ladder if the job is over 6 feet!

HOW CAN I ASSIST WITH THE GOOD NEIGHBOR CAMPAIGN?

If you would like to learn more about the Good Neighbor Campaign or additional programs within the City of Norfolk please indicate below.

I would like to volunteer :

- ☐ Neighborhood University
☐ National Night Out
☐ PACE Support Services

I would like to register for::

- ☐ The P.L.A.N.N
☐ Civic Board Development
☐ Fundamentals of Neighborhood Leadership

I would like information on:

- ☐ Good Neighbor Campaign
☐ Neighborhood Service Centers
☐ My Civic League

I would like to assist with:

- ☐ N.N.U.A.A
☐ World Changers
☐ Other: _____

Comments:

Name

Address

Email

Phone

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